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### **Riverside Deaf Week celebration ends Friday**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – The Eighth Annual Deaf Awareness Week ends with entertainment for both the deaf and hearing communities at the Riverside Plaza Friday.

Half and Half, an act that combines sign storytelling with musical accompaniment, will perform at 5 p.m. at the plaza, followed by a presentation from the Model Deaf Community and Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge to Panera Bread, which offers a deaf-friendly atmosphere for their customers.

“The vital contribution made by our deaf community is what makes Riverside an inclusive city,” said Mayor Loveridge. “Deaf Awareness Week is just one example of the effort of the bridges being built daily in Riverside.”

The Model Deaf Community Committee of Riverside was founded by the mayor in 1999. Riverside has one of the largest deaf communities in the United States. The California School for the Deaf is located in the city. The committee is Riverside’s primary body on deaf and hard-of-hearing issues.

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